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One of the most important promises made by this Administration is our pledge to seek the advice and counsel of organized labor on public policy issues.

Through the years, the American labor movement has played a major role in the American economic miracle. Unions are among our most valued institutions and serve as some of our best examples of participatory democracy. I want to ensure that their views are fully heard and considered by my Administration.

Throughout last year's election campaign, in meetings with representatives of organized labor, I noted my own labor background and frequently noted that while some areas of disagreement may exist between us, my Administration would be anxious to hear and carefully consider their views.

You should adopt such an open-door policy towards organized labor and where appropriate give full consideration to organized labor's interest and concerns.

I am asking the Secretary of Labor, as this Administration's primary intermediary with labor groups, to keep informed on the policy issues that cover labor in your departments and agencies. I would also hope that you will keep him fully informed on those issues.

Ronald Reagan